(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The Rural Electrification Corporation has reported the release of Rs. 14.06 lakhs to the Kuppam Rural Electrical Cooperative in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years.

(b) and (c). A letter received from the Hon'ble Member suggesting inclusion of Punganur and Palamner under the Kuppam Rural Electrical Cooperative has been forwarded to the Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board, since the Cooperatives are under the administrative control of the State Government.

Use of Indian Soil for Trafficking in Bangladeshi Girls

3849. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR:
SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA:

Will the Minster of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Indian soil is being used for trafficking in of Bangladeshi girls;

(b) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item published in the "Jansatta" dated November 7, 1991 according to which Delhi is the main centre for such activities; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Telephone System in Calcutta

3850. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Calcutta Telephone system is in utter shambles;

(b) the reasons for not introducing the so-called state-of art technology to upgrade this and bring it to the level of the system in Delhi;

(c) whether any short-term and long-term plan has been formulated for improving the Calcutta Telephone system; and

(d) if so, its broad features the various phases in which this will be implemented and the capital outlay involved?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) A number of state-of-the art technologies like Electronic exchanges, PCM digital Microwave, Optical Fibre and underground ducts have been already introduced in Calcutta Telephones.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Broad features of the Plan are;

(i) Replacement of old life expired exchanges;

(ii) deloading of cross-bar exchanges to improve their efficiency;

(iii) Upgradation of external plant which includes introduction of more op-